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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

David S. Romeo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 42, 52, 54-60, 62-65, 67-69, 73, 76 and 81 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42, 52, 54-60, 62-65, 67-69, 73, 76 and 81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0906.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed 09/11/2006 has been entered. Claims 42, 52, 54–60, 62–65, 67–69, 73, 76, and 81 are pending.

Applicants' election of the species of targeting molecule comprising a J chain encoded by nucleotides 1-213 of SEQ ID NO: 8 covalently linked via a peptide bond to an antigen combining site is acknowledged. Election was made **without** traverse in the paper filed 12/18/2002.

Response to Amendment

The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 09/11/2006 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 73 and 76 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, based upon the scope of enablement as set forth in the last Office action.

Maintained Formal Matters, Objections, and/or Rejections:

Double Patenting

Claims 42, 52, 54–60, 62–65, 67–69, 73, 76, and 81 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of copending Application No. 08/782,481. It is acknowledged that Applicants will file a terminal disclaimer when the claims are otherwise allowable.

Claims 42, 52, 54–60, 62–65, 67–69, 73, 76, and 81 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 6, 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,440,419. It is acknowledged that Applicants will file a terminal disclaimer when the claims are otherwise allowable.

Claims 42, 52, 54–60, 62–65, 67–69, 73, 76, and 81 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1–11 of U. S. Patent No. 7,022,309. It is acknowledged that Applicants will file a terminal disclaimer when the claims are otherwise allowable.

New Formal Matters, Objections, and/or Rejections:

Double Patenting

Claims 42, 52, 54–60, 62–65, 67–69, 73, 76, and 81 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1–6 of copending Application No. 11/324,947. Although the conflicting claims are not identical,

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they are not patentably distinct from each other because each set of claims is directed to a targeting molecule comprising a J chain. The imaging agent of the copending application's claims overlaps the biological agent of the instant claims

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Objections

Claims 64 and 65 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Linkage via a substrate for an intracellular enzyme or an extracellular enzyme encompasses, for example, glycosidases, phospholipases, esterases, hydrolases, and nucleases. Substrates for such enzymes are not peptide bonds. Hence, the substrate (claims 64 and 65) fails to further limit a peptide bond (claim 42).

Conclusion

No claims are allowable.

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